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1. SIR ALEC TOUCHED ON FOLLOWING IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS
FEBRUARY 3. CONCERNING ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA'S
PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENTS FOLLOWING HOME DEPARTURE THAT
BISHOP MUZOREWA NO LONGER REPRESENTATIVE OF RHODESIAN PEOPLE,
THAT SITHOLE, NKOMO MORE IMPORTANT, HE REPLIED, "WE ARE TO
LET RHODESIAN PEOPLE CHOOSE WHO NEGOTIATES. THE BISHOP HAS
JUST BEEN RE-ELECTED. IT IS NOT FOR ME OR ANYONE ELSE TO
NOMINATE THEIR SPOKESMAN." WHEN TOLD MWAANGA COULD FURNISH
HARD EVIDENCE OF PRESENCE SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS IN RHODESIA,
HOME SAID SUCH INFORMATION NOT YET RECEIVED.

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2. SIR ALEC URGED QUESTIONER "DISMISS THAT THOUGHT COMPLETELY"

WHEN REPORTER SAID NIGERIA, BECAUSE OF AFRICAN STATURE, ROLE OF
IMPORTANT OIL PRODUCER, WOULD HAVE CONSIDERABLE VETO POWER OVER
BRITISH ACTION IN RESOLVING RHODESIAN PROBLEM.

3. WHEN QUERIED THAT CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT APPEARED SHOW LESS
INTEREST THAN PREVIOUS LABOR GOVERNMENT IN ASSISTING MALAWI MOVE
CAPITAL TO LILONGWE, SIR ALEC SAID ANY REQUESTS WOULD RECEIVE
ATTENTION, BUT POINTED OUT THRUST OF U.K. AID HERE AIMED TOWARD
FURTHERING ECONOMIC STABILITY.
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